

REMARKS

Claims 58, 61-66, 70-96, 100-109, 113-116, and 118-121 were listed in the June 2, 2004 Office Action as pending in the application. Claims 93, 101, 102, 103, 106, and 109 have now been amended to more distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as the invention. Claims 62 and 63 were previously canceled in the Supplemental Amendment dated August 27, 2003, but remained pending in subsequent Office Actions. Accordingly, in the current amended Claims 62 and 63 are listed as being canceled.

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 58, 61, 64-66, 70-96, 100-109, 113-116, and 118-121 will be pending in the instant application. Support for the amendments to the claims may be found throughout the specification and claims, as originally filed.

No new matter has been added.

Any amendments to and/or cancellation of the claims are not to be construed as an acquiescence to any of the rejections set forth in the instant Office Action, and were done solely to expedite prosecution of the application. Applicants hereby reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the claims as originally filed in this or a separate application(s).

Rejection of Claim 109 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claim 109 was rejected as being indefinite on the ground that there is insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation "said protein" in lines 1-2 of the claim.

Claim 109 has been amended to depend from claim 106, thus providing appropriate antecedent basis for "said protein." Accordingly, the rejection has been rendered moot, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

SUMMARY

In view of the remarks set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues or the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the examiner is urged to call Applicant's attorney at (617) 227-7400.

Respectfully submitted,
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